



OUTSTANDING AIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2009



AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL J. HOPTRY

Senior Airman Michael Hoptry was named the 2009 Airman of the Year for the 179th Airlift Wing. He has excelled as a Security Forces member providing flight line resource protection and base law enforcement patrols.

Hoptry enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard on 8 February 2007. Upon completing Basic Military Training he attended Security Forces training at Lackland AFB, TX graduating with distinguished certificates for leadership, bearing, and discipline. Shortly after returning home Hoptry volunteered for a six month deployment to Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While deployed he exemplified the three US Air Force core values, provided vigilant base security and was coined by the Wing Commander for scoring 95% on his 5-level CDC test. Hoptry volunteered for an active duty tour to RAF Mildenhall AB, England as his second assignment on active duty orders.



While working as a part time firefighter with the Munroe Township Fire Department and Richland County 911 Dispatcher, Monroe attended The Ohio State University main campus in Columbus, Ohio for three years. He is now attending at the Mansfield campus and is one quarter away from earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering; upon graduation he will pursue a graduate degree as a Medical Examiner.